

The Department is operating "sheltered employment" workshops at Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kingston, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria. On Dec. 31, 1924, 346 men were employed in these workshops.

During 1924, an experiment was carried on at Toronto looking towards the permanent placement in industry of disabled men whom it has not been possible previously to re-establish. A committee of prominent business and professional men approached the Government with a definite proposal and the plan outlined was approved. Since the commencement of the work in May, 162 men have been placed.

Authority was granted to the Department by Order in Council in September, 1924, to provide quarters and maintenance for indigent pensioners. An increasing number of men have been found, who, through advancing age and the development of disabilities in civilian life, super-imposed on service disabilities, are unable to secure or to hold ordinary employment. Under the authority named, certain sections of departmental hospitals have been set aside for present and early future requirements.

In May and July, 1924, the third and final reports of the Royal Commission on Pensions and Re-establishment were completed. These reports cover matters not previously dealt with by that Commission, and make certain recommendations as to changes in or additions to present procedure. They deal at length with the subjects of amendments to the Pension Act, employment of handicapped men, the needs of the disabled soldier with a small pension or no pension, the care, treatment and pensionability of men who suffer from disabilities such as amputation, tuberculosis, insanity, etc., improvements in general procedure, care of Canadians and Imperials in the United States, the disposal of the canteen funds and other matters.

The total expenditure by the Department for the year ended March 31, 1924, was \$51,541,825, divided as follows:

Direct payments to men and dependants in cash, consisting of pensions, pay and allowances, relief, etc.....	\$ 41,570,222
Payments for services to men and dependants, including hospital treatment, orthopædic appliances, transportation of patients and pensioners, funeral expenses and sheltered employment under the control of Department, and employers' liability compensation.	5,648,188
Payments to outside organizations not under the direct control of the Department, such as the Last Post Fund, Canadian Red Cross for sheltered employment, Royal Commission on Pensions and Re-establishment and Federal Appeal Board..	238,426
Capital expenditure....	6,121
Recoverable expenditure and casual revenue...	1,593,223
Total payments apart from administration.....	\$ 49,056,180
Administration, including salaries, telephones, telegrams, transportation, stationery, rent, light, heat, etc.....	2,485,645
Total.....	\$ 51,541,825